

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: cjster1@ix.netcom.com (Craig J. Sterling)
Subject: [8013] 30 Meter DX
Message-ID: <199605021132.EAA26957@dfw-ix2.ix.netcom.com>

Fellow Enthusiasts,

You know the expression "if you can't hear em, you can't work em"!

Well, I hear em, but they either don't hear me or choose not to return the call of a QRPeanut sig! Yesterday morning, 8:00am EDT JH3UDD, (Japan) calling CQ all alone ... Called, no reply. Last night, alone, in the clear and about an S7, 3B8CF (Mauritius), called again ... nada, zip, zero!!!

All this goes to show that there is some VERY good stuff out there!

Now I'm seriously considering an antenna especially for 30M and sticking with my 132' Carolina Windom for 80, 40 & 20. Thinking of a Zepp in the inverted vee configuration.

I've also worked several stations on 30M with G5RVs and they had super sigs. My first antenna was a G5RV and it never performed well on 30. Now folks are telling me how well they get out with their G5RVs. Doesn't compute!

CU on 30,
AA3MD, Washington, D.C. (PSE PASS THE PROZAC)

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: "Vernon L. Rosson" <scalawag@ids.net>
Subject: [8079] 30m Beacon and Props
Message-ID: <31097672.7B72@ids.net>

Gang,

As reported by others.....30m props really good especially tonight.

Try the beacon on 10.144. Sends "DK0WCY Beacon" followed by 5 second dash. Sounds loud enuff to hit the midwest and southwest US.

Just worked an OZ on 10.114 at 5W and heard a KP4 working an OY on the low end. (Big pileup afterward!) Both 579 or better.

Many others in wide open band. Jump in....or call CQ Contest or sumthin.

72, Lee W5TEH

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)
Subject: [8030] 30M Propagation Study
Message-ID: <199605021428.0AA05846@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Gang,

I appreciate the postings, but one individual can't have that much effect/affect on the ham bands. Maybe this group as a whole can, time will tell. :-)

I hear a lot of /QRP signals and contrary to some postings that say you should not, but I say you should sign yourcall/QRP. A lot of times the other station will only write it into the logbook (you do keep one of these don't you?) without the /QRP and then forget it on the QSL card if you do not sign as /QRP. And you only need to do this at the beginning of the QSO and at the end. It's a flag to others listening that there is another fellow QRPer out there.

Those of you that are trying and still haven't had a successful contact, don't give up. Keep trying. In two nights and from the previous year I've think that I have found two important things that might help you.

1. The band after 9pm local will close and then open up several times before it finally is useless to try. Don't give up yet. Evenings seem to be good, don't know about middle of the day right now. From the last weekend some people did post that the did hear signals during the day on 30M.
2. Listen at 10.106MHz for the commercial tty. If it is loud, the band is in good shape, at least into TX it is. I have also heard what I call the "sea shell signal" around 10.120-10.122MHz that sounds like a sea shell placed next to the ear and when I hear it the 30M band is in good shape. These are not the only indicators, but time on the air will help you find other ways to predict the conditions.

At 0.95W there are a number of times that I call other stations

and I don't get a reply. I am at the hairy edge of weak signal reception for a lot of stations, since I can hear 5W signals a 569-599 levels and 2 or less watts at 439 and lower RST levels.

We are early into the time period that I think the band will be at it best. Last year it seemed like late July and all of August were the best times. But any contact is a good contact.

FYI dit dit

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Chuck Adams (K5FO CP-60) adams@sgi.com
K5FO TMPS 1996 Qs=006 States=06 Confirmed=00 DX=00
CO AZ MI SD UT IN

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: wdzeares@ix.netcom.com (W. Dennis Zeares)
Subject: [8070] 30M-first QSO
Message-ID: <199605022200.PAA05399@dfw-ix1.ix.netcom.com>

got home from work and turned on the rig... I had to tune the indoor 20 dipole with the MFJ 948 to work on 30M... heard WA0FGV calling CQ and I called him one time and he came back to me from Hot Springs, SD... not bad for 5 watts and an indoor ant... and it was 4:30 local CDT with a lot of noise and lots of QSB but we had three go arounds... OK I am HOOKED! Thanks Chuck.... hope to work all you QRP-L types on 30M.
72/73 Dennis K3ETS Dallas, home of K5FO...

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: ae4ic@nr.infi.net (BOB KELLOGG)
Subject: [8067] 49er filter
Message-ID: <199605022024.QAA09678@mh004.infi.net>

Well, nuts to you guys and your fancy filter analysis programs! I was all prepared to chastise the guys chasing the "perfect" filter.

As John McKee reported earlier, we put a 470pF, 1.2uH, 1000pF, 1.2uH, 470pF five pole filter on my 49er and have been getting good results. Spectrum Analyser shows the 2nd harmonic down over 40dB at both 9V and 12V. Nothing but short grass the the right of the 2nd harmonic. Power output is:

550mw @ 9V and 133ma xmit, 18ma rcv (53% eff.)
1.18w @ 12V and 200ma xmit, 20ma rcv (55% eff.)
1.46w @ 13v and 230ma xmit, 20ma rcv (49% eff.)

So, here's something that works in practice, why "improve" it?

Then I dug out my copy of "RF Design" and started fooling with the GPLA program. Two hours later, ** I think I've got the perfect 3 pole filter!!!!
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But, I'm not going to tell you what it is, because my 49er is working just fine as is, thank you, and I'm not going to change it. (also, the 3 pole isn't near as good as the 5 pole) But it was kind of fun fooling with different designs.

So, I guess I can't complain about all of the theoretical discussion -- In spite of myself I got all carried away. I do that sometimes. The white coats will be the last ones to carry me away.

CUL,
Bob Kellogg, AE4IC
Prolably, but not nececelery. - Benny Hill

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Larry East <LVE1@inel.gov>
Subject: [8062] A Little Story...
Message-ID: <2.2.16.19960502194343.25bf7e52@134.20.32.17>

Here's a little ditty that I picked up from a user's forum that some may find amusing...

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> Seems that a [insert name of your "favorate" company] salesman
> shuffled off this mortal coil and
> showed up at the pearly gates for judgement. After reviewing his
> record, St. Peter informs him that he's pretty much on the
> fence. The guy hasn't been all that good, but hasn't really done
> anything all that bad, either. He decides to let the salesman
> choose whether he'd like to spend eternity in heaven or hell.
>
> So, St. Peter takes him into heaven to show him around.
> Everytthing is peaceful, tranquil and idyllic. People are
> walking around on the clouds in long white robes with little
> halos. There's gentle harp music in the background. Small
> cherubs are flitting around laughing and chasing butterflies.
> Little birds are twittering happily. The salesman comments that
> everything looks real nice and relaxing.
>
> Next they get into the elevator and head down to the basement.
> when the doors open, the salesman is greeted by a fantastic

> scene. There are bikini-clad coeds frolicking about, everyone is
> partying, laughing, dancing, drinking beer, there's rock music
> playing ... it looks like Daytona beach at the height of spring
> break!
>
> They head back upstairs to talk over the big decision. The
> salesman allows as how heaven was pretty nice, but in typical
> salesman fashion, he'd always been kind of a party animal. He
> decides maybe hell would be the better choice. So, he gets back
> on the elevator and heads back downstairs, anticipating the fun.
>
> This time, when the doors open he is greeted with total
> pandemonium. People are being slowly roasted alive at the stake,
> screaming in agony. People are being tortured on the rack, being
> whipped and mutilated by demons. There are screams of pain and
> terror echoing throughout the halls of hell! The scene is
> horrible beyond imagining!
>
> The salesman is frantic. He runs to a pay phone and calls St.
> Peter immediately. "What the heck is going on here? What
> happened to the babes and beer and tunes? This isn't what I was
> led to expect!"
>
> Says St. Peter with a small smile, "Oh, well what you saw before
> was just the DEMO!"
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It ain't QRP, but at least it's a break from all the "don't contest on 30M"
and "what I did last weekend" messages... :-) (Sure glad 'Dayton' has its
own mail reflector this year!!)

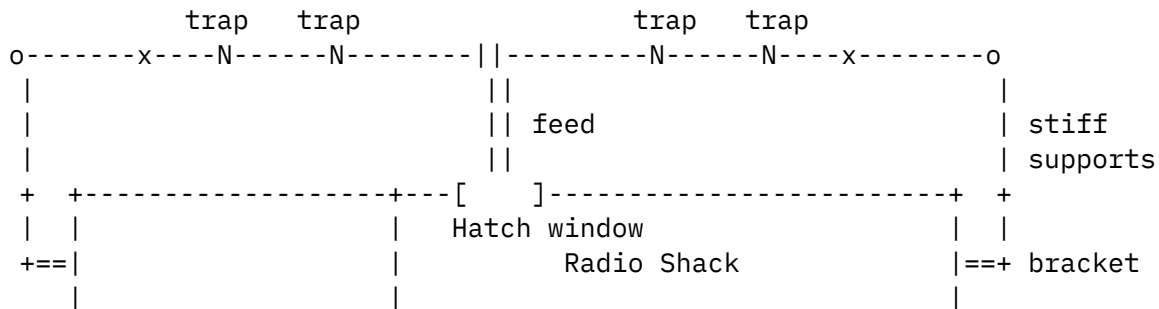
72, Larry W1HUE/7

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: "W. Daniel, 9V1ZV" <daniel@pandora.lugs.org.sg>
Subject: [8022] Antenna decision
Message-ID: <3188b77a.pandora@pandora.lugs.org.sg>

Hi Gang,

Well, I am about to move to my new place which is finally ready. This is
at the northern tip of 9V1 land and I will be located on the 11th floor of a
12th floor building, corner unit. Problem is I don't think I will be able to
get roof access and I want to get a decent (or semi-decent performance at
least) with an antenna I will put up. Since my unit is the corner unit I

have one facet of my apartment that is facing out to the NW direction. I am just thinking to myself about what kind of antennas would work well for me. Currently I am thinking of stringing up a trap dipole and extending it out away from the building as shown below. (Vertical/plan view)



This setup will give me a 20 degree takeoff angle to the NNW direction but will have the building (my apartment) in the opposite direction. It will be quite tricky getting this set up since the hatch window is the only opening on that wall and we are 11 storeys up. My concern is with the performance of this kind of antenna and am wondering how far away from the building do I need to keep the dipole. The height from the ground is no problem, obviously, but will the proximity to the building affect SWR and performance adversely? I cannot put it too far out as it will attract unwanted attention and will be difficult to support.

Would I be better off with some kind of vertical? In any case it will be difficult for me to get any really clear space so right now my options has to do with antennas supported by the side of the building. Any suggestions will be most welcome. Thanks.

73 de 9V1ZV Daniel

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From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
 From: "DONALD A. COLEMAN (EXT. 2850)" <DACOLEMAN@fair1.fairfield.edu>
 Subject: [8065] CG converter
 Message-ID: <01I48IB10MBM8YMUUB@fair1.fairfield.edu>

Gang,

I think this question barely qualifies as one on QRP, but I can't resist putting it on here at all events. This list seems to be practically a ham radio search engine.

I have an Ameco CG converter with a sticker on the back, which informs me that the unit is set to convert 155.55 mhz to 600 khz. It is very good for weak signal reception with my li'l ole Sony 2002. But the converter's range is described in the instruction leaflet as from 108 to 175 mhz.

If anyone knows the in's and out's of these xtal-controlled converters, I hope he'll reply direct to me and enlighten me a little so I can get still more use out of the unit I have.

72 & 73 De Don Coleman, W1V0q

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Marshall Emm <75230.1405@compuserve.com>
Subject: [8032] CQC Equipment Resource Directory
Message-ID: <960502153643_75230.1405_HHB78-1@CompuServe.COM>

At long last, the updated Colorado QRP Club Equipment Resource Directory (CQC ERD) is now available.

The ERD in booklet form contains detailed listings on a wide range of QRP gear, including:

- 49 Transceivers
- 14 Receivers
- 20 Transmitters
- 18 Keyers and Keying accessories
- 53 Other Accessories
- 34 Suppliers

There are also fold-out summary tables providing easy comparison of the key features of transceivers, receivers, and transmitters (like the Club's original "Rig Profiles," for those of you who remember them).

The ERD will be updated periodically, and the published version includes a form you can use to send in data for other rigs and equipment, and updates.

Price is \$5 post-paid (\$4.00 for CQC members). Send your check or money order to:

Colorado QRP Club - ERD
3140 S. Peoria St. Unit K156
Aurora, CO 80014-3155

Please do NOT use the 800 number shown below for booklet orders only; but feel free to use it if you wish to join CQC and charge your membership dues (\$10 per year) at the same time.

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73/82

Marshall Emm, AA0XI
CQC ERD Co-ordinator

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: "Dan Harriman" <KC5GXL@pnx.com>
Subject: [8073] crop-circles
Message-ID: <199605022233.SAA122592@nss2.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

There's a good idea! Crop circles. Never know, may get exceptional propagation from there!

73 de kc5gx1 aka Dan

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: wa5whn@ix.netcom.com (Jay Miller)
Subject: [8074] Emergency response/QRP or QRO
Message-ID: <199605022255.PAA23067@dfw-ix5.ix.netcom.com>

Dear QRP Enthusists,

AA0UB & Dana Myers are right on the target, with their comments about a real Emergency operation. Reminds me of the threads, in the newsgroups, about every year, picking one call area @ random, and making them the affected area, bonus points for traffic, not capped at 100 points . The simulated emergency is still prepared months in advance. Reminds me of my US Military days, prior to deployment, where the Admiral would walk into the Situation Room & declare an operational exercise. You have less than 48 hours to deploy to the following area. Recently, I have seen this done with the DMAT Teams, during major disasters. Mike & Dana have the correct idea. It can not be administered by very large group, since most disasters come down to the Individual. We are all Adults, except a few of us in New Mexico, who refuse to grow up.

Anyone remember the pop up fly, in baseball ? You had to call it, to make the catch. Maybe we can do a radio version of that. For Example; Simulated Exercise, pop up emergency, McIntosh, New Mexico was just hit by fierce electrical storm (This is a real problem in the Southwest), unknown casualties, unknown damage , affected areas-unknown, and maybe the next message reads, 4 Golfers hurt, 3 Golf bags vaporized. Do we involve ARES & RACES ? Those organizations are dependent upon a structure. In most of the emergencies, that I have been directly involved in, the first 3 days are critical, and it's the Individual that makes the call & provides the relief. We can simulate this, and we can make it fun. This is what Field Day was. Are we ready ? Not really, because a simulated exercise would involve the entire world. Remember the H & W traffic into NorCal during the last earthquake ? Bandwidth was near zero & phone lines were not down, just clogged. We can not simulate that, but small parts of the problem, we could. So, let's think about it, compose our thoughts & come up with some darn good ideas.

I am impressed with what I am seeing on the themes for the NE QRP AField.

K1BQT, N6KR & NN1G have designed some superb radios, that can be packed in. Are they really usable during an emergency ? Let's simulate and critique the results. Think about it, and send Your' comments to the group. BTW, 99% of the emergency traffic is handled on VHF/UHF, in the local area.

We can make this fun. Comments ?

72...Jay, WA5WHN

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: "David P. Drake, S.A.I.C. (301)846-5285" <DRAKE@dtpx2.ncifcrf.gov>
Subject: [8044] fwd>>>Unexpectedly Active Sun and New Insights into Solar Plumes Found
Message-ID: <960502134756.2022795b@dtpx2.ncifcrf.gov>

Interesting reading!

Dave. - n3lsb

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UNEXPECTEDLY ACTIVE SUN AND NEW INSIGHTS INTO SOLAR PLUMES FOUND

Initial observations by the recently launched Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO) spacecraft reveal unexpected activity on the Sun and the best views yet of the sources of strange, chaotic "plume" structures that extend from the solar poles to high altitudes within its outer atmosphere, or corona.

SOHO was specifically designed to observe the Sun during a supposedly "quiet" period near the bottom of its 11-year sunspot cycle, when solar disturbances are at a minimum and the undisturbed solar atmosphere and interior could best be studied.

To the surprise and excitement of SOHO's scientific investigators, "movies made from SOHO ultraviolet data show that there is continuous motion and action everywhere on the Sun," said Dr. Joseph Gurman of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD.

Disturbances are occurring even within so-called "coronal holes," areas of particularly low density, low temperature and open magnetic field lines in the corona, where such disturbances were least expected. An open magnetic field is one in which the lines of magnetic force stretch out indefinitely into interplanetary space, rather than looping back downward onto the Sun.

The dramatic new ultraviolet movies from SOHO also have revealed the source areas of the long, feathery plumes that extend from regions near the poles of the Sun to more than 13 million miles into interplanetary space. The sequences of ultraviolet images, combined into movies by SOHO researchers, show the polar plumes standing in the solar wind, an outward streaming of electrified gas from the corona. The movies clearly reveal the bases of the plumes, never characterized before, to be seething regions of wildly gyrating magnetic fields and turbulent solar gases.

"Polar plumes are a natural laboratory to explore two of the main objectives of the SOHO mission," explained Dr. Craig DeForest of Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. These goals are to learn how the Sun's corona is heated to about 3.6 million degrees Fahrenheit and why the solar wind in some places reaches speeds of almost two million miles per hour. The plume data may even shed light on the third main goal of SOHO, to determine what occurs below the solar surface to generate the strong flows and intense magnetism that produce solar disturbances such as sunspots and solar flare explosions.

The chaotic conditions discovered by SOHO at the base of the polar plumes also are under analysis. Early data show that often the base of a plume is a bright point in the solar atmosphere, as seen in ultraviolet light. These bright points fluctuate rapidly in intensity and are at locations where magnetic fields are rapidly changing. "These magnetic changes may represent the release of significant amounts of energy on the Sun, and they contribute to the heating of the corona," said Gurman.

A chief aim of the SOHO polar plume research is to see if plumes can be positively identified as the sources of high-speed streams of solar wind that were directly sampled by the European Space Agency's Ulysses spacecraft when it passed over the poles of the Sun in 1994 and 1995. In earlier work with sounding rocket experiments, DeForest

concluded that the plumes may contain high-speed outward gas flows. "Now, we are trying to determine whether the plumes are in fact the fundamental source of the high speed streams," he said.

The dramatic changes found at the foot of the polar plumes "appear to include the breaking open of small magnetic arches to form 'jets' that expel mass at coronal temperatures," Gurman added. Such jets have been observed in the X-ray portion of the spectrum by a telescope on Japan's Yohkoh spacecraft, "but this is the first time that small-scale jets have been observed outside large active regions on the Sun," he said. "In fact, we are seeing them in a coronal hole at the south pole, along with the plumes."

Much of the new information on polar plumes and on the unexpected disturbances on the "quiet Sun" comes from the SOHO Extreme-ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (EIT). Dr. Jean-Pierre Delaboudiniere, of the Institut d'Astrophysique Spatiale, Orsay, France, is principal investigator for EIT. The EIT images show the portion of the plumes from their bases in the solar surface layer out to heights of about 93,000 miles. At its base, a plume is about 1.5 times as wide as the diameter of the Earth--which is 7,928 miles.

Other important information comes from SOHO's Michelson Doppler Imager (MDI), which measures underlying magnetic fields and gas flow patterns on the solar surface, and from the Large-Angle Spectroscopic Coronagraph (LASCO), which images the plumes as far as 30 solar radii from the surface of the Sun. (The radius of the Sun is about 440,000 miles.) Professor Philip Scherrer of Stanford University is the principal investigator for MDI and Dr. Guenther Brueckner of the Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, DC, is the principal investigator for LASCO.

SOHO is on location in space near the L-1 Lagrangian point, where the Earth's and Sun's gravitational forces balance, some one million miles sunward from the Earth. This vantage point enables solar astronomers to observe the Sun continuously, with no intervening "night."

SOHO is a project of international cooperation between NASA and the European Space Agency. It was launched on Dec. 2, 1995 from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, FL. The Extreme-ultraviolet Imaging Telescope is the product of laboratories in France, Belgium, and the U.S. The Large-Angle Spectroscopic Coronagraph was fabricated at

laboratories in the U.S., Germany, France, and the United Kingdom. The Michelson-Doppler Imager was produced at laboratories in the United States.

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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: RHILT0@acxiom.com
Subject: [8061] Good Times Virus (was: Help Make-A-Wish)
Message-ID: <18900530@acxiom.com>

>Brace yourselves folks. It'll soon be time for the Good Times virus again :-)

>73/72 de Pete
>ve5va.qrp@usask.ca

What!?!?!?! You've got it too???!!! I thought ours was an isolated outbreak of the Good Times virus. Guess it's spreading faster this time...

7.3,
Bob ki5ez

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)
Subject: [8068] Green Mountain Series
Message-ID: <199605022103.VAA07495@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Gang,

Remember some time back that I had the step-by-step instructions for the Green Mountain 20 and 30? Well I have since done the 40M version also.

So here is what you can do to get your very own personal copy of one or more of the same instructions.

First of all they are labeled gm20.ins, gm30.ins, and gm40.ins. It is left as an exercise for the reader to determine which file goes to which frequency. :-)

OK, so far so good. Now send email to LISTSERV@LEHIGH.EDU (please note, this is not the same address that you post to this group). In the body, not the subject heading, put the following line, starting in column 1 and you don't have to put it in caps, I do this to keep ones from being confused with L's and all that kinda stuff. Anyway, in the body put

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GET QRP-L/RIGS  GM20.INS
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if you want the 20M set,

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GET QRP-L/RIGS  GM30.INS
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GET QRP-L/RIGS  GM40.INS
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for the 30M and 40M respectively.

You will get back a little over 200 lines, in fact the number of lines differs for each set.

No guarantees and I don't work for NN1G or Small Wonders Labs and the usual disclaimers. But I will say that the GM series is a great set of rigs. If you talk to me on 30M I'll be on the GM-30 most likely.

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From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: N5EM@aol.com

Subject: [8043] Help Make-A-Wish
Message-ID: <960502130925_482772839@emout15.mail.aol.com>

Gang,

Our company has been askedt to participate in a request for a little seven year old boy, Craig Shergold, who has a brain tumor and has little time to live. Craig has turned to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and has expressed his desire to have an entry in "THE MOST BUSINESS CARDS EVER RECEIVED BY AN INDIVIDUAL."

There seem to be few things one can individually do to help the world around us. Here is a simple thing you can do to help someone feel better.

Gather up a handful of business cards and mail them ASAP to my office at the following address:

Fujitsu
c/o Ed Manuel
5718 Westheimer, Suite 970
Houston, Texas 77057

I will forward them to our company's contact person.

Thanks, in advance, for your consideration.

Sorry for the unrelated topic. Hope you understand.

73
Ed, N5EM
n5em@aol.com

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: John Shuster <jshuster@olympic.net>
Subject: [8083] HW-8 Offset Problem Fixed
Message-ID: <199605030336.UAA14923@oly.olympic.net>

-- [From: John Shuster * EMC.Ver #2.5.02] --

To All:

Problem:

When I'm tuning in on another station to respond to a CQ, I have to tune the

signal's tone very high on the upper side band for him to hear me and return my call. Here's what happens with a simple test. I transmit with my TS-850s and tune its signal to about 700hz on the HW-8. When I transmit with the HW-8, the received tone in the 850 is too low to hear. My HW-8 is transmitting much lower than it is hearing.

The Fix:

I soldered a 2 - 11 pf ceramic trimmer in place of C55 (5pf according to the schematic). The local diode and 1k resistor were OK.

I called my elmer #3, Murray, and we established a speaker phone connection so we could hear each other transmit and talk. He turned on his Kenwood 870 and narrowed the bandwidth to 50 Hz. He transmitted to me and I tuned him in at a nice 700 Hz tone. I then transmitted to him listening for my tone over the phone connection while tweaking the ceramic trimmer. My 700 Hx tone popped in and out of the narrow bandwidth and I adjusted it dead on.

As a test, I got on 20 meters at about 8 PM and answered N9YVG's CQ from Pekin, IL. He came back immediately with a 459. I called CQ and VE5FF, Gerard from Lloydminster, Alberta answered with a 569. So the tweak job is dead on.

The trimmer is not an NPO model, so I don't know if I'm going to start to drift on an extended QSO. Murray should be able to check that with his 50 Hz filter on and 10 minutes of transmission from my side. Also, the frequencies from the different bands don't match. If I tune the rig to receive 7.050, it is 3.045, 14.042 and 21.053. Good. More to tweak.

Thanks to all who responded to my request for help. We fixed it.

GL ES GUD QRP,

John

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John Shuster QRP at the foot of the Olympics
KC7CKP in little Port Orchard, WA

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: torell@sicom.com (Kent Torell)
Subject: [8072] Ionospheric forcast
Message-ID: <v02130505adaedf4b434d@[192.91.202.41]>

Here is some forcast news for next week. Looks like a great weekend, with

a bad storm coming up next weekend. Forecasting into the future is based on what they saw some time ago, so it may be better or worse :-). The worst paths are over the poles, so try for Alaska this weekend instead of next ; -)

SOLAR AND GEOPHYSICAL ACTIVITY FORECASTS AT A GLANCE

		10.7 cm	HF Propagation +/- CON						Mag	Aurora				
		SolrFlx	LO	MI	HI	PO	SWF	%MUF	%K	Ap	LO	MI	HI	

May	03	068	G	G	F	F	01	00	75	2 05	NV	NV	LO	
	04	068	G	G	F	F	01	00	75	2 05	NV	NV	LO	
	05	069	G	G	F	F	01	00	75	2 05	NV	NV	LO	
	06	070	G	G	F	F	01	00	75	2 07	NV	NV	LO	
	07	070	G	G	F	F	01	00	75	2 08	NV	NV	LO	
	08	071	G	G	F	F	01	00	75	3 10	NV	NV	LO	
	09	072	G	G	F	F	01	00	70	4 15	NV	NV	MO	
	10	073	G	G	F	F	01	-05	70	2 12	NV	LO	MO	
	11	073	G	F	VP	P	01	-15	70	5 20	NV	MO	MO	
	12	073	G	F	P	P	01	-10	70	4 15	NV	MO	MO	

PEAK PLANETARY 10-DAY GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY OUTLOOK (03 MAY - 12 MAY)

EXTREMELY SEVERE												HIGH
VERY SEVERE STORM												HIGH
SEVERE STORM												MODERATE
MAJOR STORM												LOW - MOD.
MINOR STORM									*			LOW
VERY ACTIVE							*		**	**		NONE
ACTIVE							**	**	***	***		NONE
UNSETTLED	*	*	*	**	**	***	***	***	***	***		NONE
QUIET	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***		NONE
VERY QUIET	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***		NONE

Geomagnetic Field	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Anomaly	
Conditions	Given in 8-hour UT intervals										Intensity	

HF RADIO SIGNAL PROPAGATION PREDICTIONS (03 MAY - 12 MAY)

High Latitude Paths													
CONFIDENCE LEVEL	EXTREMELY GOOD												
	VERY GOOD												
	GOOD												
	FAIR	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	**		*	

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KS

Hi gang

Marty kd8bj

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Nick Franco <kf2ph@bnl.gov>
Subject: [8028] LED SWR Indicator & TMPS

Message-ID: <3188C087.416@bnl.gov>

Well, last night I continued working on my new LED SWR indicator and put the thingy in it's own enclosure instead of my original concept of including it into my W1FB QRP Tuner. It works great! Chuck yelled at me to post my info to the group instead of a reply just to him. Well, he didn't actually yell - no caps in his message :-)

I sent for the FAR PC Borad for this project. It worked out real nice. The pre-drilled holes are a little small for the wire hook ups, but fine for all the components. The only confusion to me is that the circuit used two 1N914 (or equiv.) diodes and the PCB has labels for CR1 and CR2 rather than D1 and D2. Took me a little while to makes sure I was putting the diodes in the right spot (a little gun shy after my NW8020 experiences :-). An on/off switch to save the battery after tuning up and button it all up in a little R/S case... FB Work Great!

So... Then I get onto 30 meters and listen around. Not bad. Lots of sigs out there - some DX and I hear several 2xQRP Q's going on. Only problem here was that is was already about 11:00 PM EDT and I just can't hook anything with my 1.5 watts (new SWR Indicator or not :-). It was fun and exciting hearing all that activity on 30 though. Good work Chuck.

Coming into work this AM I called CQ on a dead 30 meter band and I get a return from Jerry, KD0CA again. Two days in a row. So we chew a little about QRP-L and other clubs, and I start my day off with a smile.

CUL on the way home - de KF2PH/M QRP
Nick

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From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: "Dan Harriman" <KC5GXL@pnx.com>
Subject: [8009] lighthouses
Message-ID: <199605020429.AAA40438@nss2.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

Tore down the only lighthouse in upper Texas coast in '06; how 'bout an oil derrick?

de kc5gx1 aka Dan - wishin one of those derricks were mine

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: N5EM@aol.com
Subject: [8052] Make-a-Wish
Message-ID: <960502142529_526568837@emout08.mail.aol.com>

Sorry Guys.

Somebody got my Regional VP sucked into this and I had not been around long enough to know better. The Make-a-Wish story is apparently a total hoax.

The proper folks have been notified.

Please accept my apology for this.

73
Ed, N5EM

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Mike Czuhajewski <wa8mcq@u1.abs.net>
Subject: [8014] More filter talk
Message-ID: <Pine.BSI.3.93.960502081625.28419A-100000@u1.abs.net>

Someone recently suggested that for a 40M filter for the 40-9er, even the combination of two 10,000 pF capacitors and 0.1 uH inductor would work. That's true, sort of, but this is one of the more extreme designs. Remember that posting I made about 3 element filters and passband ripple, where I went to ripple values as high as 3 dB? This one is more like 18 dB ripple!

It's interesting to look at this one in the graphic mode of GPLA (or Touchstone, etc, if you have Big Bucks programs like that available). It shows a nice, deep and wide dip in the curve below 7 MHz, reaching over 18 dB at the worst; in fact, it's at least 18 dB between 3.2 and 5.0 MHz--I suppose it makes a nice sub-harmonic filter :-). But as I said before, W7Z0I says we don't need to worry about passband ripple in a transmitting low pass filter, so this could still be acceptable.

(There are exceptions to that rule, though. Sometimes people use a single filter to cover two bands, such as 12 and 10 meters, which are relatively close to each other; in cases like that you do have to be

concerned with passband ripple.)

This is a decidedly high Q filter. The insertion loss is rather considerable across the 40 meter band, dipping to 20% and under across a rather small range. Here are a few selected points--

7.0 2.14 dB (39%)
7.05 1.21 dB (24%)
7.1 0.76 dB (16%)
7.11 0.74 dB (point of lowest insertion loss)
7.15 0.98 dB (20%) and rising continuously beyond that point

The tradeoff that makes all of this worth your trouble is a rather hefty 42 dB attenuation at 14 MHz! But would someone want to use a filter like this? The insertion loss is a bit much, but you might be willing to accept it in some cases. It has at least 50 KHz width where the loss is 20% or less, and if you have something like an NE4040 with a fairly restricted tuning range, a rather narrow slot like that is not a major problem--a fair amount of loss but you do get it across a range which is adequate for the rig. Tweaking the values a bit would put that low point anywhere you want in the band.

It's a lot of fun playing with filter design on the computer, but the proof is in the pudding and in the building, so I'm eagerly awaiting Alan Kauls results with the 1300/0.69/1300 filter to see how that one works in the real world! In the meantime, remember that all of my talk so far has been about bilateral filters, where the input and output impedances are equal, 50 ohms in this case. If you run your rig at a power level where the collector impedance deviates from 50 ohms, you will affect the filter performance...and I've seen quite a few different power levels reported for 40-9er rigs, and each power level equates to a different collector impedance. (Another fun complication!)

73 and Queue Our Pea DE WA8MCQ wa8mcq@abs.net

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: gary-r-hanson@uiowa.edu (Gary R. Hanson)
Subject: [8035] MXM-40 Progress report
Message-ID: <v02130504adae86079058@[128.255.164.50]>

Hey gang,

Boy, does time fly when you are having fun. I last reported on my MXM-40

kit building in early March. Then that *\$%^ good 40-9er project came along and I was pleasantly side-tracked and had a ball getting it to work. Of course, the modifications hit qrp-1 and I tore my 40-9er down and added several of the mods. Great fun, but it kept me from the MXM-40. Last week, I got back to aligning the IF section.

Before getting my Autek antenna analyzer I had limited (read absolutely none) test equipment. So, one of my other diversions in Marach was that I built Jim Pepper's digital display frequency counter from the 1994 QRPP. Boy, did that help with my alignment. I put the frequency counter on test point #1 and aligned the if coil to read 4.455 Mhz...right on the nose. I then put the counter on test point two and aligned that coil to 455 KHz. Hey, this was too easy. The instructions say to use an external 4.000 MHz oscillator and "tweak" the coils for the loudest audio tone. Gee, I thought I'm almost done. Should have known better. Put the Autek on 4.000 and listened up and heard NOTHING. I then spent more hours than I care to admit looking for a solder bridge with a magnifying glass. All the voltages were correct, the coils aligned perfectly. Where's the problem? This went on for several days. Fifteen minutes here, 30 minutes there, always searching for a solder bridge. Couldn't see it. Last weekend my daughter flew into Iowa City for a visit so I asked her to look at the board. Some 67 seconds (not minutes) later she looks up at me and says, "Dad, should all three of these connections be soldered together right here?" There it was, a very "noticeable" solder bridge that grounded the output from the product detector right before it went to the audio amp. AAARGH! Cleaned it up and guess what? That 4.000 Mhz signal from the Autek came howling through the IF amp. That brief minute that it took her to find the solder bridge seemed to justify her six years of college tuition in electrical engineering. I was estastic! Of course, a \$49 eye exam and a new pair of glasses might have been a cheaper way to go :-)

The next night, I wired the RF section. Found another solder bridge, cleaned it up and aligned the RF section by setting a 7.040 Mhz on the Autek and "tweaked" the coils. Attached an antenna and what beautiful music came through the headphones. This receiver is sharp as sharp can be. In fact, it is almost "too" selective for everyday operating, but would be fantastic for contests. I have now listened several nights and I have yet to find two signals so close that I can't separate them out. That variable width IF passband system Bruce Williams designed is just unbelievable. It has taken a little practice to tune the signals, because they tend to "pop" out of nowhere. I'll hear nothing and then "bang" there is a strong S9 signal. I have too tune across the band fairly slowly or I'll pass right over the signal. It is in and out of the filter bandwidth in no time at all. Of course, that could be because my motor coordination is somewhere between a raging bull elephant and a deranged hippopotamus. Someone with more delicate fingers may not have this problem. The variable cap has an 8:1 reduction so it shouldn't be a problem for most folks.

One of the options Bruce designed into the kit is to use either 39pf or 100pf caps in the Cohn filter. I used the 100pf caps and it gives a very "tight" and very selective filter. I still haven't decided whether I will go back and insert the 39pf to give me a little broader skirt selectivity in the filter. I'm waiting for a contest and a lot of QRM to give it an acid test.

Well, on to the transmitter section. I have to travel again this weekend and next week I move back to Texas so I'm not sure when I'll get the report out on the transmitter.

So far my bottom line is that this receiver is almost too good to be true for \$130 bucks (less, if you got in on the group buy). It is both sensitive and "extremely" selective. The alignment is relatively easy if you have access to some test equipment. Don't try it without a good signal generator and frequency counter. A scope would have been nice, but I got the receiver to work just fine without one. If time permits, I'll put an audio clip or two out on my web page so you can "hear" how well this thing tunes.

72,73,
KJ5VW

Gary R. Hanson

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Pat Taber <ptaber@logiccraft.com>
Subject: [8059] NE QRP Afield Sept. 21, 1996, A Theme ??
Message-ID: <199605021930.PAA52322@nss2.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

Hey! Great idea! QRP Afield can use the theme of operating from locations where the various urban legends are supposed to have happened. Virtually every area has a mall that was sealed when a little girl got kidnapped (only to be found in some women's room dressed in boys clothes with her hair half-shaved off) or a place where a choking doberman coughed up a toddler's arm or even a hospital where some terminal kid wants to get into the Guinness book before The Reaper shows up.

We can even go into the campfire legends -- the man with one hand and one hook, the grave with the neatly folded overcoat, heck, even Paul Bunyan fits in.

(I can't help but think that the story of Craig Shergold having grown up and

wanting to put this all behind him is yet another urban legend....)

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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)
Subject: [8008] NE TTF '96
Message-ID: <199605020346.DAA05030@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Gang,

Now in TX we don't have lighthouses except on the coast, so the Houston club will be at an advantage.

So how about lighthouse, firelookout thingy in the forest, windmills in the west, etc. In CA they have those large electrical wind generators.

Speaking of wind :-) How about someone coming up with a small wind powered generator. Seems like the electric model airplane or other motors with magnetic components will do the job. We could have powered a small city in NM last weekend.

How about bonus for wind and/or solar power?

Maybe on top of a ladder should count too. :-)

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CO AZ MI SD UT IN

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Jeff Gold <JMG@tntech.edu>
Subject: [8021] OHR 400
Message-ID: <01I482491T0Y9AR01N@tntech.edu>

well just putting out a feeler. There is a good chance I made need to sell my OHR 400 with built in keyer. This rig will appear in June QST and has been tested by the ARRL labs. It works and looks great. I think someone had previously mentioned they were interested if I ever sold it.

73,72
Jeff, AC4HF

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Bill Acito <acito@ultranet.com>
Subject: [8081] QRP-NE at Hosstraders (Rochester, NH)
Message-ID: <01BB387C.92294920@acito.ultranet.com>

How's this sound... congregating on 147.40 simplex?
I will be there on Saturday.

(please excuse the regional discussion, but some of us not going to Dayton need a flea fix)

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Bill Acito mail via acito@asdg.enet.dec.com Hudson, MA
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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: clifton w sikes <csikes@brightok.net>
Subject: [8015] R1FJZ
Message-ID: <199605021224.HAA15184@sooner.brightok.net>

I have a question, A couple of days back someone mentioned working r1fjz.

I'm wondering if anyone has received a card from him. I worked him on 20m back last summer, and still waiting. I have since worked him on 30m & 40m. Then last night, got him again at 4 watts. Just curious. Am I being too impatient again? DX cards take soooooo long. 72, Clif

Clifton W. Sikes
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QRP-L # 478
ARRL

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: JEVERHART@cayman.vf.mmc.com
Subject: [8019] St Louis #161 - a Tale of Two Cities
Message-ID: <960502090437.24a02680@carib.vf.mmc.com>

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.

Last week Doug, KI6DS mentioned that he had sent out St Louis Tuners through #168 on the 24th. Since my place in line was 161, I was elated and waiting anxiously for its arrival. Even told the wife to call me at work when it came in. (Why? I dunno, it's not like I could just go home early and start building it!)

Figuring three business days for delivery, that'd make it Moonday, right? Nope, no joy. Tuesday came and went with no Priority mail package. Such exquisite agony! On one had I knew it was "in the mail", but, on the other hand it was just that, in the mail.

Should I call out the dogs? Should I file a missing tuner report? What to do? What to do?

Then on Wednesday at about 1:30, the wife calls to tell me that there's a kinda beat up Priority mail package! (The mailman always comes 2 hours early on days when rain is forecast - What's he do with the other two hours?) But she mentions that it has several addresses on it as if it ping-ponged around the mail system.

When I got home the first priority was to check it out. It rattled! Opened up the box and there was a bubble wrap mailer inside. Tore opened up the mailer and it was chaos - loose pieces and hardware all over the place! Guess the USPS olympic frisbee team had their hands on it. But, good news - Doug had carefully bubble wrapped the meters and tuning capacitors so well that all survived intact. Even the toroids that had freed themselves from the packaging had been successfully cushioned by the bubble mailer - whew! Great job Doug!

Now for the address business. The mailing label had the right name and street address, but had "Brooklyn, NJ 08030" instead of "Brooklawn, NJ 08030." (Don't feel bad, Doug, My ex-credit card company did the same thing after 10 years of successful addressing - imagine 4 months without the credit card bill, then you get one *big* one all of a sudden...).

These days the address is redundant, they use the zip code right? Nope, not even close! At one of the PO branches (probably on the left coast) the 08030 was *crossed out* and someone had written "112??." Then, when it got to 112??, the partial zip was crossed out and somebody else wrote "try NY, 11207." When it got there, another party wrote "try New Jersey Ave" (my real address is NJ Road). After that attempt, there another notation was made, "no such Number as 214 NJ Ave".

Finally, someone apparently saw the original zip code under the ever-increasing jumble of incorrect attempts and wrote in bold blue letters "TRY NJ, 08030." Sanity finally prevailed and the package arrived.

Now I gotta dig out those St Louis Tuner errata postings. Anybody see my soldering iron? Happiness is a new NORCAL kit to build!

72/73,

Joe E., N2CX

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Russ1031@aol.com
Subject: [8063] The Adventure Radio Society Lives!
Message-ID: <960502155110_526622698@emout09.mail.aol.com>

I'm extremely pleased to report that we've received a positive response to our announcement of the Adventure Radio Society (appearing in yesterday's issue of the List). As of this moment, we have 53 members, representing 24 states, and the e-mail continues to pour in.

We want this organization to serve a wide range of people who love the outdoors and are interested in lightweight QRP gear. So don't be worried if you're not a macho backpacker--we've got events and activities that will be rewarding for all of us (even those of us who've reached our golden years).

If you missed yesterday's announcement, we'd be glad to e-mail you a copy. Richard Fisher, KI6SN, our Membership Chairman, is a busy guy dealing with the first batch of applicants for membership. So send your request for a copy of the announcement to me, Russ Carpenter, AA7QU. I'm our all purpose gofer. My e-mail address is Russ1031@aol.com.

And check out Adventure Radio Society's brand new web page. The URL is <http://members.aol.com/adradio/index.html>

Russ Carpenter, AA7QU, McKenzie River, Oregon

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)
Subject: [8082] TMPS
Message-ID: <199605030326.DAA07995@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Thirty Meter Propagation Report

Pipeline opened up to NM with WA5WHN, W5ZF, and W5UXH heard but the rest of the world heard them too.

Nabbed WA9PWP, the famous fox hunter for a new one.

But the exciting part was spending 30 minutes at 10.110MHz trying to get AL7IK, who was 569+. He did get another famous QRP'er W5LG0, John in OK. So it was close.

I'll be listening tomorrow night same bat channel same bat time. Hope the solar predictions really hold off on the AK propagation hole predicted. :-) This is fun.

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K5FO TMPS 1996 Qs=009 States=07 Confirmed=00 DX=01
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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: bhopkins@polarnet.com (Bruce Hopkins - KL7JAF)
Subject: [8077] TMPS - Beacons - Solar Power etc...
Message-ID: <v01530501adaec66a6a3f@[204.119.24.185]>

Hi Gang,

Started the Interior Alaska TMPS study last night and was very pleased

to find a very active band... Only one contact so far but that was with R1FJZ in Franz Joseph Land so figure I'am off to a good start... Hope to get my 30m loop up on my next set of days off... I plan to orient its pattern towards the SE... I'am listening Chuck... As I write this (2030z) I am hearing the JA's working Europe...

Lighthouses eh?? We just happen to live on Beacon Hill which is a ridge that parallels Ft. Wainwright AAF's runway... There is a Beacon at each end of the ridge with a powerline that runs between them, on each power pole is a red light... This was installed during the Lend Lease program to keep the airplanes from flying into the ridge and remains to this day for the same purpose... The ridge is about 2 miles long... What a great site for a TTF, great view of the Alaska Range and Denali... Thanks for the idea...

I like the idea of a bonus for solar or wind power but lets make it any alternative energy source... I think that the initial charge to the battery should come from the same source... A 7.0 AH gel cell fully charged from the power grid would power my Sierra for several weekends without the alternative energy source functioning... A Grand Prix type LeMans Start would be fun, start with a dead battery and go from there... Gentlepersons Start Your Chargers... Vroooooom, hisssss, whirrrrrr !!!!!

Better go assemble my kayak in case we decide to do it from a boat... Ain't this QRP stuff fun !!!

72/73/00's - Bruce * KL7JAF

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"Every Man should learn to play the Flute,
but not well..."

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Mill.Moore@valley.net (Mill Moore)
Subject: [8024] TMPS activity
Message-ID: <982307@hanover.VALLEY.NET>

K5FO's Thirty Meter Propagation Study seems to have really stirred things up on 30 meters. Wednesday evening I worked three stations on the band, including an all too brief contact with VO1DRB, and a nice ragchew with W0RJW in Illinois, a near-QRP station (15 watts... I think he can be educated!). But most interesting was a contact with W0SZF (not a QRPer) in Nebraska--he reported that he'd had four QSOs that evening, of which three were QRPers!

Mill, AA1PB
Hartland, Vermont

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Nick Franco <kf2ph@bnl.gov>
Subject: [8060] TMPS Daytime 30 Meters
Message-ID: <31890DFE.4A05@bnl.gov>

I'm lovin' this TMPS already. I have my foxhunt score beat and it's only the second day :-)

Just worked Perry - K9FHJ in Wis. with my SW-30 in the car. He asked question about my rig. I told him it was a home built kit designed by Dave-NN1G. He asked the price and other info. I told him all about it and how to get info direct from Dave at his callbook address and all.

This TMPS may yield more QRPers and more kit builders or tryers while promoting activity on the band. What a great event! CUL

KF2PH TMPS 1996 Qs=3 States=2 Confirmed=0 DX=0

IA, WI

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Nick
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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Mike Robinson <miker@cc.com>
Subject: [8025] True Emergency Simulation
Message-ID: <9605021332.AA12695@voder.nsc.com>

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> It is a little ironic that Field Day, an emergency preparedness exercise,
> is usually planned for at least 6 months in advance ;-). It would be a
> lot more interesting to have Field Day take place on a different summer
> weekend every year, announced 24 hours in advance by the ARRL. This
> would really test the emergency preparedness aspect, though it wouldn't
> do much for the public relations part ;-).

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> Dana
> Dana.Myers@West.Sun.Com

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That's a terrific idea. But since FD is so ingrained into the ham
communitiy, it should just be left as is. As an addition, ARRL or
maybe even us (qrp-1) should sponsor E-day. 24hrs notice is plenty.

I've often thought, that in a national emergency, the point of
emergency communications would be to relay messages. I'd like to
see E-day scored something like this:

- It's assumed that all commercial power is gone and your antennas
at home have been destroyed.
(Since power is at a premium, and QRN will be low, QRP shines.)
- every 15 minutes a new message emanates from some source(s).
- Your goal is to accumulate and relay all the messages during the
allotted time, 4 hours or whatever.
- Having all 16 messages would yield a perfect score.
- Bonus points are received for relaying each message so many times.
- You can only relay a message during it's 15 minute window.
The message contains the source time and a simple code word(s).

- Even though during an emergency, no one would care what band the relay is on, we'll maintain civility and NOT use the WARC bands.
(I just had to put that in. >^{})

So, all you hard core testers, any thoughts on this?

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NCARC Superfest, June 1st, Larimer County Fairgrounds, Colorado
=====
7.3 de Michael AA0UB      miker@cc.com      michael@frii.com
      http://www.frii.com/~michael
      QRP-L #126      Norcal #857      CQC #180
=====
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From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)
Subject: [8057] VE6GK's comments
Message-ID: <199605021924.TAA06759@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Dr. Rick is correct in watching how WWV and WWVH are doing. In the background I do this, and I guess it has become second nature, by watching the Heathkit GC-1000 on the desk top. For you young critters this is the old "Most Accurate Clock" kit from Heath. You can still get it but assembled. It locks onto the strongest of 5, 10, or 15MHz WWV signals for accurate time display.

But I've seen it lock onto 5MHz and 30M is still hopping with signals. And other times I've seen it "hunting" for WWV and 30M is alive. Go figure.

Thanks to Dr Zabrodski for sharing that tidbit. I have trouble with the Explorer II or the GM-30 tuning in WWV, neither can do it.

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Chuck Adams (K5FO CP-60) adams@sgi.com
K5FO TPRS 1996 Qs=006 States=06 Confirmed=00 DX=00
CO AZ MI SD UT IN

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Marshall Emm <75230.1405@CompuServe.COM>
Subject: [8040] You may be an engineer if....
Message-ID: <960502163453_75230.1405_HHB62-1@CompuServe.COM>

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Angus W. Scott-Fleming, 76711,517
TO: !Humor list, 76711,517
DATE: 5/2/96 8:39 AM

RE: You may be an engineer if....

YOU MAY BE AN ENGINEER IF...

If you introduce your wife as "mylady@home.wife"

If your spouse sends you an e-mail instead of calling you to dinner

If you can quote scenes from any Monty Python movie

If you want an 8X CDROM for Christmas

If Dilbert is your hero

If you stare at an orange juice container because it says CONCENTRATE

If you can name 6 Star Trek episodes

If the only jokes you receive are through e-mail

If your wrist watch has more computing power than a 486DX-50

If your idea of good interpersonal communication means getting the decimal point in the right place

If you look forward to Christmas only to put together the kids' toys

If you use a CAD package to design your son's Pine Wood Derby car

If you have used coat hangers and duct tape for something other than hanging coats and taping ducts

If, at Christmas, it goes without saying that you will be the one to find the burnt-out bulb in the string

If you window shop at Radio Shack

If your ideal evening consists of fast-forwarding through the latest sci-fi movie looking for technical inaccuracies

If you have "Dilbert" comics displayed anywhere in your work area

If you carry on a one-hour debate over the expected results of a test that actually takes five minutes to run

If you are convinced you can build a phazer out of your garage door opener and your camera's flash attachment

If you don't even know where the cover to your personal computer is

If you have modified your can-opener to be microprocessor driven

If you know the direction the water swirls when you flush

If you own "Official Star Trek" anything

If you have ever taken the back off your TV just to see what's inside

If a team of you and your co-workers have set out to modify the antenna on the radio in your work area for better reception

If you ever burned down the gymnasium with your Science Fair project

If you are currently gathering the components to build your own nuclear reactor

If you own one or more white short-sleeve dress shirts

If you have never backed-up your hard drive

If you are aware that computers are actually only good for playing games, but are afraid to say it out loud

If you truly believe aliens are living among us

If you have ever saved the power cord from a broken appliance

If you have ever purchased an electronic appliance "as-is"

If you see a good design and still have to change it

If the salespeople at Circuit City can't answer any of your questions

If you still own a slide rule and you know how to work it

If the thought that a CD could refer to finance or music never enters your mind

If you own a set of itty-bitty screw drivers, but you don't remember where they are

If you rotate your screen savers more frequently than your automobile tires

If you have a functioning home copier machine, but every toaster you own turns bread into charcoal

If you have more toys than your kids

If you need a checklist to turn on the TV

If you have introduced your kids by the wrong name

If you have a habit of destroying things in order to see how they work

If your I.Q. number is bigger than your weight

If the microphone or visual aids at a meeting don't work and you rush up to the front to fix it

If you can remember 7 computer passwords but not your anniversary

If you have memorized the program schedule for the Discovery channel and have seen most of the shows already

If you have ever owned a calculator with no equal key and know what RPN stands for

If your father sat 2 inches in front of your family's first color TV with a magnifying lens to see how they made the colors, and you grew up thinking that was normal

If you know how to take the cover off of your computer, and what size screw driver to use

If you can type 70 words a minute but can't read your own handwriting

If people groan at the party when you pick out the music

If you can't remember where you parked your car for the 3rd time this

week

If you did the sound system for your senior prom

If your checkbook always balances

If your wristwatch has more buttons than a telephone

If you have more friends on the Internet than in real life

If you thought the real heroes of "Apollo 13" were the mission controllers

If you think that when people around you yawn, it's because they didn't get enough sleep

If you spend more on your home computer than your car

If you know what http:/ stands for

If you've ever tried to repair a \$5.00 radio

If you have a neatly sorted collection of old bolts and nuts in your garage

If your three year old son asks why the sky is blue and you try to explain atmospheric absorption theory

If your lap-top computer costs more than your car

If your 4 basic food groups are: 1. Caffeine 2. Fat 3. Sugar 4. Chocolate

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996

From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>

Subject: [8042] Re: 30M Propagation Study

Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.960502094958.5890J-100000@vortex.sage.dri.edu>

On Thu, 2 May 1996, chuck adams wrote:

>

>

> I hear a lot of /QRP signals and contrary to some postings that

> say you should not, but I say you should sign yourcall/QRP.

I agree!

73, Ron,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
....ku7y@sage.dri.edu.....Washoe Lake, Nevada.....
....QRP-L #17....ARRL....NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Rick Zabrodski <zabrodsk@med.ucalgary.ca>
Subject: [8056] Re: 30M Propagation Study
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.93.960502131528.8622A-100000@ume>

Another method I use to check things out is to listen on 10.000 mhz with my sierra. On April 30th, when I worked the JR1 I could hear both Colorado AND Hawaii time signals.
That contact specifically occurred BECAUSE I used /QRP.

Dr. Rick Zabrodski BSc, MD, CCFP(E) MRO * VE6GK
Clinical Assistant Professor * NorCal 519 ARCI 7650 GQRP 8329
Faculty of Medicine, Univ. of Calgary * "Power is no substitute for skill"

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: "J. Skalski" <jskalski@acsu.buffalo.edu>
Subject: [8069] Re: 49er filter
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.91.960502170534.14373A-100000@destrier.acsu.buffalo.edu>

I looks like the same filter used in the "CUBIC INCHER"
and your measurement seem to be in line...
That's the one I used also.

73,

Jim N2GO
The Buffalo QRP CONNECTION
ARCI #9013 QRP-L #381
jskalski@acsu.Buffalo.EDU

On Thu, 2 May 1996, BOB KELLOGG wrote:

> Well, nuts to you guys and your fancy filter analysis programs! I was all
> prepared to chastise the guys chasing the "perfect" filter.
>
> As John McKee reported earlier, we put a 470pF, 1.2uH, 1000pF, 1.2uH, 470pF
> five pole filter on my 49er and have been getting good results. Spectrum
> Analyser shows the 2cnd harmonic down over 40dB at both 9V and 12V. Nothing
> but short grass the the right of the 2cnd harmonic. Power output is:
>
> 550mw @ 9V and 133ma xmit, 18ma rcv (53% eff.)
> 1.18w @ 12V and 200ma xmit, 20ma rcv (55% eff.)
> 1.46w @ 13v and 230ma xmit, 20ma rcv (49% eff.)
>
> So, here's something that works in practice, why "improve" it?
>
> Then I dug out my copy of "RF Design" and started fooling with the GPLA
> program. Two hours later, ** I think I've got the perfect 3 pole filter!!!!
> **
>
> But, I'm not going to tell you what it is, because my 49er is working just
> fine as is, thank you, and I'm not going to change it. (also, the 3 pole
> isn't near as good as the 5 pole) But it was kind of fun fooling with
> different designs.
>
> So, I guess I can't complain about all of the theoretical discussion -- In
> spite of myself I got all carried away. I do that sometimes. The white
> coats will be the last ones to carry me away.
>
> CUL,
> Bob Kellogg, AE4IC
> Prolably, but not nececelery. - Benny Hill
>
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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Greg Nunn <gnunn01@mail.coin.missouri.edu>
Subject: [8045] Re: Antenna decision
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.91.960502100202.17176A-100000@coinc0>

Hi Daniel,

On Thu, 2 May 1996, W. Daniel, 9V1ZV wrote:

> Hi Gang,
>
> Well, I am about to move to my new place which is finally ready. This is

> at the northern tip of 9V1 land and I will be located on the 11th floor of a
> 12th floor building, corner unit. Problem is I don't think I will be able to
> get roof access and I want to get a decent (or semi-decent performance at
> least) with an antenna I will put up.

I took my 40 meter Explorer II on a couple of business trips and operated it from the upper floors of some hotels. I tried throwing a longwire out the window (at night, after everyone had gone to bed) but about all I could hear was noise when the wire hung straight down (adjacent to the building wall). I threw it out into the top of some trees and it sounded much better (with it angled out from the balcony). In fact I worked the fox from the Austin, Texas Hilton with that antenna. The fox was in California, over 1000 miles away.

My family and I will be headed to 9V1 land in a few weeks for our 3 month stay. It sounds like getting licensed will be tough, but I have to try . . .

73,
Greg AA0XZ

Greg Nunn
1701 Halsted Ct.
Columbia, Mo 65203
gnunn01@mail.coin.missouri.edu

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Bob Hightower <ki7mn@dancris.com>
Subject: [8078] Re: Emergency response/QRP or QRO
Message-ID: <199605022301.QAA14515@dancris.com>

Ooops! I always forget to copy the list on these replies. Sorry.

>Date: Thu, 02 May 1996 15:59:34
>To: wa5whn@ix.netcom.com
>From: Bob Hightower <ki7mn@dancris.com>
>Subject: Re: Emergency response/QRP or QRO
>

>Rather than make a 'big' exercise of it, I believe that a simple deployment
>exercise would be a good first step.....somehow get the word out that there is
>a simulated emergency, and each of those of us who can should get to another
>location than the home qth and set up, check in much like a net would do, and
>be ready to handle traffic.

>
>Once we see that that is feasible, maybe move on to a true net or some other
>such message handling exercise.
>
>Emergencies don't happen at predictable times, nor can everyone respond, so
>some 'tailoring' would have to be done.
>
>There is no doubt that it can be done, but the Field Day approach is getting
>to be a little ridiculous...I know of groups with towers, beams, concrete
>pads, etc. It may be that when the time comes, those sites will not be
>at all accessible.
>
>Good thread, but needs more work. KISS comes into play as well.
>
73,
Bob KI7MN NorCal 1221 ARCI 8918 Qrp-1 271 ARRL (Not in any order of
importance!)

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: mont@netcom.com (Mont Pierce)
Subject: [8075] Re: field day not a contest
Message-ID: <199605022254.PAA28641@netcom.netcom.com>

> >
> > Taking an aside to an aside, most people laugh up their sleeve when they say
> > Field Day isn't a contest, but in truth, although we've made it competitive,
> > it's not a contest. And it is just as important to prove you could set up a
> > field site for WARC bands as any other when talking disaster drill. (My
> > theory is that the drill isn't so much learning to "pass traffic" as it is
> > to keep the portable/emergency stuff near the top of the pile that hams
> > accumulate.)
>
> It is a little ironic that Field Day, an emergency preparedness exercise,
> is usually planned for at least 6 months in advance ;-). It would be a
> lot more interesting to have Field Day take place on a different summer
> weekend every year, announced 24 hours in advance by the ARRL. This
> would really test the emergency preparedness aspect, though it wouldn't
> do much for the public relations part ;-).
>

It's nice to here that I'm not the only one who wish field day would be
treated as it was intended to be.

Every year I lament over the how a club I belong to treats field day, ie.
contest/party time. They borrow towers and hf rigs from the group, gang up

on installing it, and for power use firetrucks equipped with generators.

Technically, they have no emergency gear. And, if an emergency did happen the firetrucks would have to leave, and they'd have no power!!!

And what if there were a real emergency...how much could they do individually on there own???

This is one of the reasons I love supporting/using QRP!!! A simple dipole, battery, and little qrp rig packs very nicely into a small case. A sling shot or someway to get the dipole in the air and within minutes, your all set for hours of fun/emergency traffic.

I love the qrp spirit!!

72,

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Mont Pierce

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+-----+
| Ham Call: KM6WT           Internet:  mont@netcom.com |
|   bands: 80/40/20/15/10/2 |
|   modes: cw,ssb,fm       |
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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: "Richard A. Stern" <Richard.A.Stern.1@gsfc.nasa.gov>
Subject: [8020] Re: Hamstick dipoles on 40m
Message-ID: <199605021314.JAA18982@popa.gsfc.nasa.gov>

At 02:34 PM 5/1/96 -0600, you wrote:

Talking to the guy at HRO, he said the problem with putting two of them together
>for a dipole is that you would want it at least 1/4 wavelength high. Did
>he mean for horizontal dipoles as well as vertical dipoles, or just horizontal?
>Since a vertical with a good ground plane doesn't need to be up high, what is
>the difference between a vertical with a ground plane and a vertical dipole
>with one end just off the ground? I guess I could spend another \$20 and find
>out...

> Also, with ground planes, should they be buried? At least half of mine will
>have to be. Should I use insulated or bare wire?

>

>-Steven Ciciora KB0PJF

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>

Steve,

The Vertical antenna will make a ball of electromagnetic radiation with the ground plane completing the circuit for electron flow. In a way being dependant on ground/earth for its' function.(Refer to the ARRL Antenna Book/ Handbook)

The dipole will make a doughnut shape radiation pattern with the nominal shape being effected by proximity to ground/earth but not dependant on the earth. The Dipole doesn't rely on a ground plane because it has been turned into a counterpoised radiating element.

Just remember, all you need is (this could be!..) motion (alternating current) through a conductor (antenna) to create a magnetic field (magnetic radiation)... A transmission of energy has happened!

There is an ideal height depending upon freq. that will effect the feedpoint impedance and radiation angle of the antenna, thus, effecting radiation efficiency. The radiation pattern will be effected depending on the height.(Again...I refer you to ARRL ANTENNA BOOK and ARRL HANDBOOK).

Now if you turn the HAMSTICK dipole in a vertical position you might be able to have the best of both worlds... Some experimentation required....

I apologize for being so verbose on this subject. I find it's simplicity to be one of God's ('The X variable') elegant tools..... As you might know, there are reems of papers written on this subject. I hope this helps,rather than add to the pile of minutia (or was that manure...)

de NW3N...QRP-L #520... NE-QRP #333

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: bkassel@enet.net (Brian Kassel)
Subject: [8038] Re: Hamstick dipoles on 40m
Message-ID: <199605021633.JAA08925@maple.enet.net>

At 09:14 AM 5/2/96 -0400, Richard A. Stern wrote:

>At 02:34 PM 5/1/96 -0600, you wrote:

>Talking to the guy at HRO, he said the problem with putting two of them together

>>for a dipole is that you would want it at least 1/4 wavelength high. Did
>>he mean for horizontal dipoles as well as vertical dipoles, or just horizontal?

I had a friend who did extensive modeling on dual Hamsticks for 40M, both horizontally and vertically configured.

He also ran extensive A/B on the air performance tests.

The vertically polarized dual version won hands down in all tests. He tested against a full sized dipole as well as a good performing full sized vertical.

When mounting the sticks vertically, one must provide a mount that holds the antenna out from the supporting pole a few feet, and of course run the feedline away from the antenna at right angles.

It works.

If you like I can get him to provide more info, when he returns from a school that he is attending.

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*****  
*          Brian D. Kassel W5VBO ---- Ham Radio          *  
*          bkassel@enet.net --QRP-L #404, ARCI #3623      *  
*****
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From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996

From: prvalko <prvalko@Oakland.edu>

Subject: [8046] Re: Help Make-A-Wish

Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.3.91.960502133429.28094A-100000@saturn.acs.oakland.edu>

On Thu, 2 May 1996 N5EM@aol.com wrote:

> Our company has been asked to participate in a request for a little seven
> year old boy, Craig Shergold, who has a brain tumor and has little time to
> live. Craig has turned to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and has expressed his
> desire to have an entry in "THE MOST BUSINESS CARDS EVER RECEIVED BY AN
> INDIVIDUAL."

OH NO NOT AGAIN!!!

Gang,

You oldtimers will remember when this spam first hit the net and our beloved QRP-L last summer.

The name changes but the general theme never does. The Make-A-Wish Foundation DOES NOT AND NEVER HAS been behind this. They get bombarded with hundreds of Business Cards/Christmas Cards/Birthday Cards/Get Well Cards, etc - EVERY DAY. It interferes with their REAL business and has become such a HUGE problem, there is an 800 number (800-622-9474 in Michigan) set up to help stop this urban legend from spreading even further.

This is someone's idea of a sick joke. I still find it incredible that business DON'T BOTHER TO CHECK these anonymous faxes and unsolicited emails before jumping in with both feet... to the point of even setting up department and corporate co-ordinators!

If you want to help Make-A-Wish, send them something they can put to GOOD use, like dollar or two.

Feel free to copy this memo through your organizations.

73! =paul= WB8ZJL

ObQRP - Is anyone else hitting "delete" when the subject is, "30M Contesting?"

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Mike Cloud <cloudm@mhsgate.meth-mem.org>
Subject: [8047] re: Help Make-a-wish
Message-ID: <77B4883101172C16@mhsgate.meth-mem.org>

I hate to sound like a cynic but this sounds suspiciously like an email my yl (daughter) received the other day requesting assistance in reaching the goal of a terminally ill child to receive the most email of any human alive, etc.

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: "N100Q Tom R. @ MR01 02-May-1996 1355" <randolph@est.ENET.dec.com>
Subject: [8048] re: Help Make-A-Wish
Message-ID: <9605021804.AA19091@us4rmc.pko.dec.com>

> Our company has been askedt to participate in a request for a little seven
> year old boy, Craig Shergold, who has a brain tumor and has little time to

> live. Craig has turned to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and has expressed his
> desire to have an entry in "THE MOST BUSINESS CARDS EVER RECEIVED BY AN
> INDIVIDUAL."

WHOOOP WHOOOP WHOOOP WHOOOP

A Shergold sighting!! A Shergold sighting right here on QRP-L!!

Seriously, though, Craig *was* trying to make that record around 1980. He's
since recovered, is around 20 years old, and has regretted this ever since,
'cuz the cards and letters haven't stopped pouring in since then!

If you follow the newsgroups, take a look at alt.folklore.urban. An "urban
legend" is one of these tales, often propagated by technological means such
as the net, that refuses to die and sort of takes on a life of it's own! This
particular one is past the 15 year mark and still going strong!

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Tom Randolph N100Q NE-QRP 419 QRP-L 87 ARRL randolph@est.enet.dec.com
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From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Steve Silverwood <kb6ojs@earthlink.net>
Subject: [8049] Re: Help Make-A-Wish
Message-ID: <1.5.4.32.19960502181722.006bfd94@earthlink.net>

Please do NOT send any cards. Craig Shergold has recovered from his cancer
and is leading a normal life, except for the deluge of cards and such that
are being sent to him. His family asks that you refrain from sending any
more, as the post office is destroying them at the family's request.

At 13:09 05/02/96 -0400, N5EM@aol.com wrote:

>Gang,

>

>Our company has been askedt to participate in a request for a little seven
>year old boy, Craig Shergold, who has a brain tumor and has little time to
>live. Craig has turned to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and has expressed his
>desire to have an entry in "THE MOST BUSINESS CARDS EVER RECEIVED BY AN
>INDIVIDUAL."

>

>There seem to be few things one can individually do to help the world around
>us. Here is a simple thing you can do to help someone feel better.

>

>Gather up a handful of business cards and mail them ASAP to my office at the
>following address:

>

>Fujitsu

>c/o Ed Manuel
>5718 Westheimer, Suite 970
>Houston, Texas 77057
>
>I will forward them to our company's contact person.
>
>Thanks, in advance, for your consideration.
>
>Sorry for the unrelated topic. Hope you understand.
>
>73
>Ed, N5EM
>n5em@aol.com
>
>
>
>
>
-- //Steve//

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Personal homepage: <http://www.earthlink.net/~kb6ojs>

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Steve Silverwood <kb6ojs@earthlink.net>
Subject: [8050] Re: Help Make-A-Wish
Message-ID: <1.5.4.32.19960502181728.006a7a84@earthlink.net>

At 14:02 05/02/96 -0400, prvalko wrote:

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>business DON'T BOTHER TO CHECK these anonymous faxes and unsolicited
>emails before jumping in with both feet... to the point of even setting up
>department and corporate co-ordinators!

It isn't a sick joke, as Craig really exists. The story varies, sometimes
with Make-A-Wish being involved but mostly not. The problem is that it just
keeps getting recycled without everyone getting the word that the kid's
grown up now, healthy and wanting to put this whole thing behind him.

-- //Steve//

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Phone: 714/513-7236 America Online: KB60JS
Homepage: <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/KB60JS>
Personal homepage: <http://www.earthlink.net/~kb6ojs>

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Pete Hardie <hardie@duke.usask.ca>
Subject: [8053] Re: Help Make-A-Wish
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.3.91.960502122048.5755A-100000@duke.usask.ca>

On Thu, 2 May 1996 N5EM@aol.com wrote:

> Our company has been askedt to participate in a request for a little seven
> year old boy, Craig Shergold, who has a brain tumor and has little time to
> live.

I first saw this one at least 3 years ago. If Craig ever existed and is
still alive, he's a medical miracle. He hasn't aged a bit.

Sorry Ed. This one's been doing the rounds for a long time.

Brace yourselves folks. It'll soon be time for the Good Times virus again :-)

73/72 de Pete
ve5va.qrp@usask.ca

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: "J. Skalski" <jskalski@acsu.buffalo.edu>
Subject: [8054] Re: Help Make-A-Wish
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.91.960502142639.11633C-100000@destrier.acsu.buffalo.edu>

The DELETE button is starting to wear off.....

73,

Jim N2GO
The Buffalo QRP CONNECTION
ARCI #9013 QRP-L #381
jskalski@acsu.Buffalo.EDU

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: stan@bbs.cruzio.com
Subject: [8034] RE: Last night on 40

-----Original Message-----
Hi gang

Boy was I in heaven last night. I was listening in on 40 around 7195 and heard VP2EFF calling cq. I worked him on SSB at 4 watts on my TT Argo 509 to my inverted v at 50 feet. I only had to try three times to snag him. Now all I have to do is find out what his address is, he wasn't giving it out last night. Hope he is listed. His name is Mitsu. According to my old ham atlas it is the island of Angulia.

Congrats on the good dx.

The qsl goes to the op's home address . He is jh4iff.

Ti9x has been active on 7005 from a rare location .. Cocos Island ,
near the caribbean. He has been very loud here the past 2 evenings.

Camp on 7005. When he calls cq, he starts out simplex then after the pile-up
gets large, he starts working up about 1-2 khz

Stan N6ulu

Goldstein & Campbell , CPA's

E-mail: stan@cruzio.com

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Kevin Muenzler <muenzlerk@uthscsa.edu>
Subject: [8037] RE: Last night on 40
Message-ID: <01BB381A.007CBAA0@muenzlerk.uthscsa.edu>

On Thursday, May 02, 1996 3:55 AM, stan@bbs.cruzio.com wrote:

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>-----Original Message-----

>Hi gang

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> Boy was I in heaven last night. I was listening in on 40 around
>7195 and heard VP2EFF calling cq. I worked him on SSB at 4 watts on my
>TT Argo 509 to my inverted v at 50 feet. I only had to try three times
>to snag him. Now all I have to do is find out what his address is, he
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>Stan N6ulu
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>Goldstein & Campbell , CPA's
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>E-mail: stan@cruzio.com
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TI9X QSL via JH1NBN

YOUSUKE UCHIYAMA
924-4 YOKOKAWA
HACHIOUJI, TOKYO 193
JAPAN

Worked him yesterday on 17 meters.
Kevin, WB5RUE
muenzlerk@uthscsa.edu
wb5rue@amsat.org

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: privalko <privalko@oakland.edu>
Subject: [8058] Re: Make-a-Wish
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.3.91.960502152519.6052D-100000@saturn.acs.oakland.edu>

On Thu, 2 May 1996 N5EM@aol.com wrote:

> Sorry Guys.
> Somebody got my Regional VP sucked into this and I had not been around long
> enough to know better. The Make-a-Wish story is apparently a total hoax.

No problem Ed. Here's the phone number for the whole scoop:

1-800-215-1333 ext. 184

A prerecorded message will follow.

73! =paul= wb8zjl

ObQRP: In EXACTLY 14 days from this second I'll be starting that great
annual pilgrimage to Dayton, Ohio.

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: bkassel@enet.net (Brian Kassel)
Subject: [8010] Re: NE QRP AField Sept. 21, 1996, A Theme ??
Message-ID: <199605020505.WAA11349@maple.enet.net>

At 08:02 PM 5/1/96 -0700, Bob Hightower wrote:

>At 07:30 PM 5/1/96 -0700, you wrote:

>>Bill Acito wrote:

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>>> How 'bout from lighthouses?

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>>> :-)Find a lighthouse in AZ, CO or NM and it's an automatic win, :-)

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>>72/73, de Roger AA7QY

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>Well, we could find an old Army Heliograph station....that'd work.

>73,

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>Bob NorCal #1228, ARCI #8918, Qrp-1 #271

If y'all are serious about Heliograph stations, my freind KI3K operated from one during the NORCAL QRPTTF. We can sure do it again. In fact, there are several around the state (AZ), although some are far more accessable than others!

Well, ya can't get two flats on a mule!

Brian

W5VBO

QRP is *NOT* for sissies!

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Glen Leinweber <leinwebe@mcmail.CIS.McMaster.CA>
Subject: [8011] Re: NE QRP AField Sept. 21, 1996, A Theme ??
Message-ID: <1996May02.014828-0400@[130.113.234.7]>

In <199605020505.WAA11349@maple.enet.net>, Brian Kassel wrote:

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>>At 07:30 PM 5/1/96 -0700, you wrote:

>>>Bill Acito wrote:

>>>

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>>>> How 'bout from lighthouses?

>>>>

Well, looks like the next QRP afield is getting off the ground;-)

I wonder if they'd notice a 40 M vertical dangling off the CN tower in Toronto? Don't say it isn't a lighthouse, I can see it flashing from my roof in Hamilton (45 mi).
Glen VE3DNL

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: wa5whn@ix.netcom.com (Jay Miller)
Subject: [8017] Re:NE QRP AFiield Sept. 21, 1996, A Theme ??
Message-ID: <199605021243.FAA03693@dfw-ix7.ix.netcom.com>

Dear Fellow QRP Enthusists,

I tend to agree with Paul, I like Bill Acito's idea (lighthouses). Maybe some of the Colorado Club could operate from those large Rock Towers up in Mancos, Colorado. They could almost pass as Light Houses.

Paul, just south of Chaco Canyon is that old rock highway, headed towards Mexico (Ancient sites), along that route ("root" for those of You from New England) are what's left of look outs. The Ancient Ones, who had resided in Chaco Canyon & Mesa Verde, had used those look outs to warn of incoming runners or hostiles. Doug & Chuck think Riley was remote, we would have to spend 2 days hiking in & another 2 days hiking out.

How about Yachts ? Everyone, in New England, owns a Yacht. OK, OK a boat, but true sailing ships. That would allow California, Texas & New England to participate in a very large way. Geez, Paul, we could sit in the middle of the Rio Grande or Rio Salado or Rio Puerco and pretend ; -)

Good ideas Guys, keep 'em coming.

Oh boy, oh boy, can't wait until the Nevada QRP Club is chartered. I would have a special QSL card made up from the Cotton Tail Ranch. Ooops, back to the New England QRP AFiield, Sept. 21, 1996. We will abide by the Group's decision.

; -)

72...Jay, WA5WHN/qrp

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>|Dear Fellow QRP Enthusists,
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>| So, what if we had a theme, for the Sept. 21, 1996 New England QRP AField
>|event ? Now what does New England have, besides Kennedy's, Socialism,
>|Liberals, & Taxes, that would be fun ?
[...]
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If I try to think of something New England has more of than any other part of the country, all I can come up with is lawyers, colleges, and quaint. I was thinking of suggesting we all operate from a lawyer, and I don't really want to give up on the idea of all operating from someplace quaint, but maybe operation from a college campus would be a good thing. It could give some ham radio exposure to the students and maybe other parts of the country would like a QSL from Haaavid Yaaaad.

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From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: "Warren E. Lewis" <saswel@unx.sas.com>
Subject: [8023] Re: NE QRP AField Sept. 21, 1996, A Theme ??
Message-ID: <199605021324.AA26025@cardamom.unx.sas.com>

> How about Yachts ?

I like this idea!! Would a 35 ft Sailboat do? I was going to put my maritime mobile station on the air for the Norcal to the Field, but, wound up doing it from home instead.

Now I have time to plan for the next event. Maybe by then I will have a more permanent station setup on the boat.

- Warren

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From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: "N100Q Tom R. @ MR01 02-May-1996 0933" <randolph@est.ENET.dec.com>
Subject: [8027] re: NE QRP Afield Sept. 21, 1996, A Theme ??
Message-ID: <9605021349.AA00980@us4rmc.pko.dec.com>

> So, what if we had a theme, for the Sept. 21, 1996 New England QRP Afield
> event ? Now what does New England have, besides Kennedy's, Socialism,
> Liberals, & Taxes, that would be fun ? I will toss this out for open

Err, um, old grist mills?
Covered bridges?
Town Commons?
Dinky little 300-year-old farms (in-law's apple orchard qualifies)?
Lobster restaurants?
Potholed roads?
Rotaries?

BTW, anyone gonna operate from the Betty & Barney Hill abduction site or Exeter, NH in 97? See "The Interrupted Journey", "Incident at Exeter", and I suppose we could throw in "The Andreasson Affair" for New England sites. Then there's that "crop circle" that appeared a few years back out near Gardner, MA.! We're just a UFO magnet up here!

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Tom Randolph N100Q NE-QRP 419 QRP-L 87 ARRL randolph@est.enet.dec.com

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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: khdiv@lanl.gov (Keith Despain)
Subject: [8029] Re: NE QRP AField Sept. 21, 1996, A Theme ??
Message-ID: <v02140b00adae7560c58d@[128.165.16.226]>

How about 17,000 acres of forest fire? We got plenty now available in Northern New Mexico.

Keith ab5qe

khdiv@lanl.gov

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
Subject: [8041] RE: NE QRP AField Sept. 21, 1996, A Theme ??
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.960502094236.5890I-100000@vortex.sage.dri.edu>

On Thu, 2 May 1996, Pat Taber wrote:

>
>Nevada can always substitute cathouses if they're
> short on nautical things.
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Hmmmmm, the last operation from a cathouse here in Nevada fell apart during antenna erection.....or so the story went :-)

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73, Ron,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
....ku7y@sage.dri.edu.....Washoe Lake, Nevada....
....QRP-L #17....ARRL....NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: GREGOIRE@endor.com (ERNEST GREGOIRE)
Subject: [8076] Re: NE QRP AField Sept. 21, 1996, A Theme ??

Message-ID: <199605022254.SAA111136@nss2.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

Since most of the Members, in the New England QRP
>Club, are from New England, let's hear from 'all-y'all, oops, excuse me,
>Youse Guys.
> Remember, it has to be FUN. Monte is the Nevada QRP Club chartered yet ?
> :-)
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>
>blasted) 72...Jay, WA5WHN (Wind
> Albuquerque, New
>Mexico, USA.

Being born in the USA I will always be grateful for, However,
being born in New England is an unfortunate accident of birth sir,
I assure you!!

I am out of place here as a skunk at a lawn
party. Thank God we don't talk politics here on the reflector.

I like that same theme of ghost towns and historical places. Some
folks opted for geologically interesting areas, I like that as well too.
The reports were great, and I read most of them, sorry for not reading them
all, just not enough time.

de AA1IK N.E.-QRP-C. # 202 (Lead by example, It is better to)
 QRP-L member #95. (pull a string than it is to push it.)

Ernie Gregoire
RR 1 Box 221
Canaan, NH. 03741

New England QRP Club, information
available on request by sending me a
S.A.S.E. or via E-mail.

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From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Bob Hightower <ki7mn@dancris.com>
Subject: [8080] Re: NE QRP AField Sept. 21, 1996, A Theme ??
Message-ID: <199605030118.SAA15201@dancris.com>

At 06:54 PM 5/2/96 -0400, you wrote:

>I like that same theme of ghost towns and historical places. Some
>folks opted for geologically interesting areas, I like that as well too.
>The reports were great, and I read most of them, sorry for not reading them
>all, just not enough time.
>

Since some folks don't have ghost towns, others don't have lighthouses, and most of us, thankfully, don't have the New Mexico winds, why don't we all just find another interesting place to operate from, and do it all over? Doesn't really matter to me where you are, just that you are on the bands.
73,

Bob NorCal #1228, ARCI #8918, Qrp-l #271

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
Subject: [8039] Re: NE TTF '96
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.960502092721.5890G-100000@vortex.sage.dri.edu>

On Thu, 2 May 1996, chuck adams wrote:

>
> How about bonus for wind and/or solar power?
>

I second that motion! When we use batteries that have been charged via AC or gas generators we really haven't broken the tie to commercial power.

Wind, solar, water, human powered, and etc. should have a bonus.

73, Ron,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
....ku7y@sage.dri.edu.....Washoe Lake, Nevada....
....QRP-L #17....ARRL....NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: "Richard A. Stern" <Richard.A.Stern.1@gsfc.nasa.gov>
Subject: [8066] RE:NE-QRP theme??
Message-ID: <199605022022.QAA26284@popa.gsfc.nasa.gov>

Hay Y'all,

Being isolated down here in the semi-quasi south. I being a transplant 'Yankee' type. 'Yankee ingenuity' comes to mind BIG TIME... Operating from sites that reek, stink and generally smell bad of 'Yankee ingenuity'. My radio shack is one such sight. I'm sure there are other sites around New England that maybe Edison, Tesla or Marconi have passed through. There's the Springfield armaments factory, old shipyard's galore and other historical places all over the country...

Yes!... 'Yankee Ingenuity' Is that one commodity that's sold out too???....

O.K. Tesla and Marconi aren't 'Yankees'

de NW3N NE-QRP #333

P.S To whom it may concern:

Thanks for sending the message back still getting used to Eudora sorry if I offended :-)>

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: "Arjen Raateland, SYKE/YV, puh. 90-4030 0457" <Arjen.Raateland@vyh.fi>
Subject: [8012] Re: Revised St Louis Tuner Manual Errata --V
Message-ID: <01I488H665PE8Y80WX@vyh21.vyh.fi>

>6. Page 8, Step 2: This is in error, in my opinion. If you expect the tuner to >work/look the same on the front panel as a commercial tuner, You want the >inductor switch to start at the 9:00 o'clock position (tap 1, NO inductance) >with small changes in inductance, ie., three turn taps, and end up with larger >degrees of change, as you turn the knob CW, at the final switch positions at >maximum inductance. This means lug 1, not lug 12, is connected to the capacitor >frames. The 4" bus wire is ALREADY soldered to Lug one, so just shape it right, >and connect & solder to the wire between the two caps. you just installed in >Step 1. (You already fixed lug 12 in # 5, above).

Bob and gang,

Lug one being connected to one end of the inductor and the connection between the tuning caps, there will indeed be no inductance in the circuit, but there will also be a short to ground when the switch is in position 1. Or did I miss something here?

I've been wondering if lug 1 should perhaps rather be left unconnected. I left the bottom of the inductor open, so then there would be no inductance, only two tuning caps in series with the load.

73,
Arjen, OH2ZAZ

P.S. I tried to tune my dipole of 39 meter total length with 20 meter 600 Ohms open line feeder with the SLT using the balun on 80 m. That didn't work. Same thing on 40 m works OK, as far as I can see that is. On 40 m the dipole is a high impedance and at a half wave further down the line it would still be a high impedance. On 80 the dipole is low impedance and the quarter wave makes it too high. With a Johnson type tuner the antenna can be tuned on 80, too. It's just that that tuner is 6 times as big as the SLT ;-(

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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: bkassel@enet.net (Brian Kassel)
Subject: [8033] Re: TMPS activity
Message-ID: <199605021546.IAA07065@maple.enet.net>

At 09:28 AM 5/2/96 EDT, Mill Moore wrote:
>K5FO's Thirty Meter Propagation Study seems to have really stirred things up on
>30 meters.

While hunting and pecking for my usual late evening 30M DX fix,
I called a few CQ's, got 2 QRP stations in a row! Good sigs,
great conversation, gobs of fun.
30M is a great QRP band.

K5F0's stirring up the stew has made folks do a doubletake on the band, he deserves the "Get 'em up off their duff's" award.

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*           Brian D. Kassel W5VBO ---- Ham Radio           *
*   W5VBO@W5VBO.AZ.USA NOAM --QRP-L #404, ARCI #3623       *
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From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Tim Pettibone <tpettibo@nmsu.edu>
Subject: [8036] Re: TMPS activity
Message-ID: <199605021609.KAA05592@NMSU.Edu>

Brian:

Yes, Chuck has to get a lot of credit for activating 30m. My only problem is that I'm still having a problem with my GAP Titan vertical. It works great (really great) on all bands except for 30m. I estimate that I have about 24db attenuation on that band. Really strange stuff. Of course, Chuck said to me at Riley "Minus 24 db on 30m? That's a good handicap for you!" He said this after I trounced him during the QRPTTF.

Tim AB50U
Las Cruces, NM

p.s. Did we tell you about the wind?

p.p.s. Heard an R1 on 30 late last night. He couldn't hear me!

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: "GROVER M. TOLLIVER ARS KQ4AL" <SIXPENCE@worldnet.att.net>
Subject: [8064] RE: Use of WARC Bands
Message-ID: <199605021957.TAA19097@mailhost.worldnet.att.net>

Akiyama Thanks for the quick response.. 72 Y Paz Grover

At 07:19 PM 5/2/96 +0000, you wrote:

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>Dear Grover:

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> IARU Regions 1, 2 and 3 have all adopted the following
> resolutions:

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>Credit for awards should be accepted for contacts made on the 10-MHz band as
>well as on the 18 and 24-MHz bands.
>
>Member societies, however, shall not issue a single-band award for operation
>on the 10-MHz band.
>
>No member societies shall sponsor a competition on the 10-MHz band.
>
>Contest activity on the 18 and 24-MHz bands is also discouraged for the
>present.
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>
>Akiyama, NX1L
>
> International Programs Manager
>

73,

Naoki

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
Subject: [8031] Re: WARC, etc., trivia.....
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.960502075851.5890E-1000000@vortex.sage.dri.edu>

On Wed, 1 May 1996, Dana H. Myers wrote:

> It is a little ironic that Field Day, an emergency preparedness exercise,
> is usually planned for at least 6 months in advance ;-). It would be a
> lot more interesting to have Field Day take place on a different summer
> weekend every year, announced 24 hours in advance by the ARRL. This
> would really test the emergency preparedness aspect, though it wouldn't
> do much for the public relations part ;-).
>
> Dana
> Dana.Myers@West.Sun.Com
>

Great idea Dana,

However, I am convinced that the ARRL is no longer interested
in anything more than selling more memberships and magazines.

They have failed the test of punishment for rules violations
for their contests and awards, failed to back up any of their

field positions like 00's and failed to listen to their members during the past few years.

But this would be another good test for those doubting the good intentions of the ARRL.

Maybe we could have a contest to guess which excuse they will use to throw the idea out!

QRP: Still waiting for the 40-niner to arrive.....have the box.

cul,

73, Ron,

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....ku7y@sage.dri.edu.....Washoe Lake, Nevada....
....QRP-L #17.....ARRL.....NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: torell@sicom.com (Kent Torell)
Subject: [8051] Re: You may be an engineer if....
Message-ID: <v02130503adaeaa64d57e@[192.91.202.41]>

> YOU MAY BE AN ENGINEER IF...
> ...nifty comments deleted...

That was a sobering exercise. Now, let's do a reality check. Look around you. At the walls. At the ceiling. At your computer. At your home appliances. At your car. Everything non-naturally occurring object within eyesight, regardless of where you are, was conceived, designed and manufactured by people who failed this nerd test:-)

Kent Torell torell@sicom.com 602-483-2867 x40
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From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: Dale Anderson <dalea@artemis.fc.hp.com>
Subject: [8071] Re: You may be an engineer if....

Message-ID: <199605022216.AA182435416@artemis.fc.hp.com>

If any of you took offense at the email about Engineers, take heart, we're not the ones who are clueless. I know people who PROUDLY proclaim their IGNORANCE about radio and computers. I have heard high-paid TV "personalities" do the same on the air with a smile. It's as tho' one is socially tarnished somehow by having or admitting knowledge of any technology.

Anyway, my career has forced me into several different social situations where I'm surrounded by the "non-nerds". You know the type, attractive, popular, outgoing, etc. These people are not only blissful being ignorant of the world and technology around them, they are also incredibly shallow and lack the integrity for even the slightest bit of sincerity. The conversations are predictably the same. The ladies in the room will break off into small circles, complementing each other on their hair/clothes/kids/husbands/etc then talk behind the backs of those in other circles.

The men on the other hand are much less personal, they can't seem to interact without discussing professional sports, or the stock market (the executives/managers). This is especially true in a room of men who aren't too familiar with each other. More familiar groups may give up a bit more of themselves and actually discuss personal experiences like when they took their kid to the Sox game or how they lost their shirt in silver futures back in '80. In the mean time, if alcohol is being served there's plenty of that flowing. And anyone caught not holding a glass in hand will surely be asked why, as if one not drinking is a threat to the masculine social order.

I admit, nerd events, can be equally dull. There are SOME engineers (and even hams) who are total social misfits. Without computers or radios for the topic of conversation, they'd be lost. I've attended some dept engineering parties where the guys just stand around and compare notes about what sort of platform performance they get with their PC's at home, and the worthlessness of Windows'95. But for the most part, they are educated, have diverse interests and CAN talk about most anything. But, for some reason tho', it's the nerds/engineers/hams who remain the social outcasts U.S. culture. This is reflected in movies and other media.

What concerns me is the damage this has done in our society. It has caused a decline in children having an interest in the sciences. Admittedly, there is a recent campaign taking place

to re-introduce kids to the sciences, but without the social support for those in the field, and as long as it is politically correct to remain ignorant, I have little hope it will work.

So, if your kid seems to show no interest in your hobby, it may have more to do with social pressure than the challenges of the hobby itself. It is up to us, as hams, to become mentors to our children. We should be more willing to donate some time and equipment to schools and recreational organizations. We should make our presence more VISIBLE ('least, those of us not dressed in geeky polyester, hi hi) at the public events we are supporting and operating at. It is up to US to dissuade the distorted public image of hams and what HR is all about and thereby encourage more young people to join our ranks and embrace radio, technology, and the sciences.

Phew! Oops, sorry 'bout the soapbox.
Back under my rock,
-Dale

P.S. No offense to those who may resemble anyone mentioned above. Direct all flames to /dev/null.

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Thu May 2 23:05:40 1996
From: NYOUNG@desire.wright.edu
Subject: [8055] Re: You might be an engineer iff you can tie yer shoes backwards
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Hey, I like Dilbert. I think he's got the whole game figured out. It works like this: some self-promoting guy picks up a bunch of terms from people who really know how things works. The SP guy then uses the terms to sound like he knows what he's doing and gets an edge on the people who use the terms because they know what the terms mean. Then, the SP guy gets high profile and convinces the boss that he knows more about what the terms really mean than the people who use the terms correctly. The guy in charge thinks the SP guy is a minor sub-deity and puts him in the command chain. Then the SP guy burns all the people from whom he learned the terms by which he has made himself sound as if he were a superior intellect. The burned get trashed, the SP guy gets an office and the boss is happy.

Don't laugh. It's happened here.

And Dogbert ain't that unhip, neither, youze guys.

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I'll never use the correct terminology for anything in the presence of management (or those aspiring to management) again. In fact, my coworkers and I have been inventing terms to use that will immediately identify the user -- outside of our circle of comprehension -- as one of those who uses a term learned on the side to show that the user has some secret knowledge. Flame walls and all. And it ain't engineers doing this, kids. It's petty little arrogant self-promoting meatheads whose misanthropy is recognized only by people outside their minor circle of useful friends.

Which is why I like ham radio. We can call it anything we like and still be understood as people having fun with physics.